

**The CR (H.J.Res. 73) under consideration today includes the following three provisions:**

- 1) Extends the existing Continuing Resolution through November 7, 2003.
- 2) Repeals the following provisions enacted as part of FY 04 Defense Appropriations Bill:

“(b) Of the amounts appropriated in this Act under the heading, ‘Operation and Maintenance, Army’, \$177,000,000 shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Defense is authorized to transfer such funds to other activities of the Federal Government: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Defense is authorized to enter into and carry out contracts for the acquisition of real property, construction, personal services, and operations related to projects described in further detail in the Classified Annex accompanying the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2004, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth therein: *Provided further*, That contracts entered into under the authority of this section may provide for such indemnification as the Secretary determines to be necessary: *Provided further*, That projects authorized by this section shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local law to the maximum extent consistent with the national security, as determined by the Secretary of Defense.”

- 3) Enacts into law by reference the following FY 04 Appropriations bills as passed by the House (this permits the CR to be used as a vehicle for the omnibus):
  - a. Agriculture Appropriations
  - b. Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations
  - c. D.C. Appropriations
  - d. Foreign Operations Appropriations
  - e. Transportation, Treasury Appropriations
  - f. VA, HUD Appropriations